

Ambulance Service Advisory Board

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***** UNAPPROVED *****
Meeting Minutes of
Rules and Regulations Committee

September 19th, 2018

Attendees

Jason Umbenhauer, Chairman, Kent County Departments
Gillian Cardarelli, Providence County Paid Departments
Paul Casey, House Appointment
Joseph DeAngelis, Proxy for Joe Lauro, RIACEP
Raymond Medeiros, RISAFF
Scott Partington, RIAFC
John Pliakas, ENA
John Potvin, RISAFF
Jason Rhodes, Department of Health
James Richard, RISAFF
Carolina Roberts-Santana, Department of Health

- 1) Establishment of Quorum** – 11 Members present
- 2) Call to Order** at 10:14 hours by Jason Umbenhauer, Chairman
- 3) Review / Consent of Agenda** – Motion made by John Potvin, seconded by Carolina Roberts-Santana to approve agenda as presented. Motion approved unanimously.
- 4) Approval of Minutes** – Hearing no additions or corrections, the minutes of the February 28th, 2018 minutes stand approved by the committee as presented.
- 5) Old Business**
 - a. None

6) New Business

- a. Review the amended version of the “Rules and Regulations for Emergency Medical Services” being proposed for adoption by the Department of Health. (This agenda item was moved back to the

committee by the Ambulance Service Advisory Board at their 9/12/2018 meeting.

- i. A motion was made by Raymond Medeiros, seconded by Carolina Roberts-Santana to add the following language to the proposed Rules and Regulations under Section 2.7 B. 4. To read:

“Emergency Medical Services Training Coordinator: the individual who ensures that all RIDOH, NREMT, and ambulance service training requirements are met.”

ACTION – Motion was approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [Vote 1]

- ii. A motion was made by John Potvin, seconded by John Pliakas to amend the language to the proposed Rules and Regulations under 2.7 B. 4. (d) to read:

“Emergency Medical Services Coordinator: the individual who directs and coordinates all EMS activities within an ambulance service. The Emergency Medical Services Coordinator shall be licensed in Rhode Island at a level equal to or higher than the Service Level of the ambulance service.”

ACTION - Motion was approved unanimously by roll-call vote. [Vote 2]

- iii. A motion was made by John Pliakas, seconded by Joseph DeAngelis to add the following language to the proposed Rules and Regulations under Section 2.7 B. 4. To read:

“Emergency Medical Service Physician Medical Director: a physician board-certified or board-eligible in emergency medicine and/or EMS by the American Board of Emergency Medicine or the American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine and licensed to practice medicine in Rhode Island, who provides guidance, leadership, oversite and continuous quality improvement for an ambulance service and its EMS practitioners. The roles of the Physician Medical Director, working in conjunction with the Emergency Medical Services Chief of Service include:

- (1) Conducting and overseeing quality assurance and performance improvement.
- (2) Approving service sponsored or required continuing education.

- (3) Participating in the selection and approval of medical equipment.
- (4) Providing input on operations, including deployment strategies and budget issues that affect patient care.
- (5) Providing online/onsite medical consultation and control and field supervision, if required.
- (6) Making recommendations to the Emergency Medical Services Chief of Service regarding granting, suspending or revoking an EMS practitioner's privilege to practice within the ambulance service, subject to all due process.
- (7) Serving as the medical liaison with community, state, and national organizations.

**ACTION - Motion was approved 7-4 by roll-call vote.
[Vote 3]. (Votes in the affirmative: Cardarelli,
DeAngelis, Partington, Pliakas, Rhodes, Roberts-
Santana, Umbenhauer. Votes in the negative: Casey,
Medeiros, Potvin, Richard)**

- iv. A motion was made by Jason Rhodes, seconded by Carolina Roberts-Santana, to move and present the approved actions from this committee to the full Ambulance Service Advisory Board for further approval and consideration for formal amendment to the "Rules and Regulations for Emergency Medical Services" as proposed or adoption.

**ACTION - Motion was approved 8-2 by roll-call vote.
[Vote 4]. (Votes in the affirmative: Cardarelli, Casey,
DeAngelis, Partington, Pliakas, Rhodes, Roberts-
Santana, Umbenhauer. Votes in the negative:
Medeiros, Potvin)**

7) Good of the Order

- a. None

8) Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 12:36